

REMARKS

The Office action dated as mailed May 9, 2003 addressed claims 4, 5, and 24-36. Claims 4, 5 and 24-36 were rejected under 35 USC §112 and under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting.

In response, claims 5, 24, 25, 29 and 31 are amended above and claims 4, 5, and 24-36 remain pending in the present application.

The Examiner's Rejection Under 35 USC §112

The Examiner rejects claims 4, 5, 24-36 under 35 USC §112 as being unclear and claims 5, 24, 25 and 29 have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the rejection thereto. Also, claim 31 has been amended to correct a minor informality.

The Examiner's Rejection Under the Judicially Created Doctrine of Double Patenting

Claims 4, 5 and 24-36 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. In response, enclosed is a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing ownership interest and stating a belief that title is in the assignee taking action along with a copy of the assignment document.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of each of pending claims 4, 5 and 24-36.

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